ST. JAMES-THE-LESS

(BETHNAL GREEN)

Sick, Burial, and Annual Division Society,

HELD AT THE

ST. JAMES' HALL, SEWARDSTONE ROAD,

Every Monday Evening from 8 to 10 o'clock.

No Payments taken without this Card.

President and Treasurer:

Rev. J. E. WATTS-DITCHFIELD.

All Communications and Declarations on the Fund to be addressed to the Secretary,

Mr. F. A. GOODWIN,

86, Lauriston Road,

South Hackney, N.E.

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SPECIAL NOTICE.

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Members are requested to read the Rules, as ignorance of same will not be accepted as an excuse, but the fines strictly enforced; and when declaring on the Funds of the Society, to carefully follow instructions in RULE 7. No notice can be taken of any communication unless the Member's Card Number is stated.

Members should always see that the correct amount is entered on the Card at the time of paying; as the Secretary will not be responsible for any error not corrected by the next Paying-in-Night.

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RULES 1909-10.

1. That this Society shall be called The "St. James-the-Less Men's Service Sick, Burial, and Annual Division Society."

2. OBJECTS.—The objects of the Society shall be the relief of members during Sickness and ensuring money to be paid on the decease of a member or member's wife.

3. Any man being a parishioner, or who attends the Service for men on Sunday afternoon at St. James-the-Less (not under Seventeen years of age nor over Forty-five for Section A, and not under Seventeen nor over Forty for Section B), and not suffering from any constitutional disease, shall be eligible for membership in the Society. Such candidate to be proposed and seconded by members of the Society. The candidate shall sign the following declaration:—I, the undersigned, being desirous of becoming a member of the St. James-the-Less (Bethnal Green) Sick, Burial, and Annual Division Society, do hereby solemnly declare that the answers given by me on the proposal forms are correct, and that I am above

the age of Seventeen and under the age of Forty-five if Section A, Forty if Section B, and I believe that I am at present in good health, and am not subject to Fits, Gout, Dropsy, Consumption, Rheumatism, or Varicose Veins in any severe form, or any other constitutional disease, also that I am of sober, temperate habits. (If married) I also declare that my wife is in good health; and I do hereby agree that should it at any time be discovered that I have made any incorrect statement in this my application (if approved of) I will forfeit all money I may have paid into the Society and all claims upon the funds thereof, and I further agree, if admitted to membership, to abide by the rules present and future of the Society. (N.B.—New members to be free to benefits in three calendar months, provided thirteen week's subscriptions have been paid for Section A, and six Calender months for Section B, provided twenty-six weeks subscriptions have been paid. The Committee have full power to decline to accept any candidate, and shall require a Doctor's certificate.

Entrance fee 6d for Members transferring from either Section. New Members 1s.

4. MANAGEMENT.—This Society shall be under the management of the Vicar, who shall be Trustee, a Secretary, and a General Committee of nine members, three of whom shall be elected by the Men's Service Committee, three by the Vicar, and three shall be co-opt by the six already elected; all of whom shall retire annually and be eligible for re-election.

The election of Officers and Committee, with any alteration of Rules shall take place the last paying-in night in September. The Secretary to be elected by the Committee in conjunction with the Vicar.

5. PAYMENT.—The subscription to be 7d per week for Section A, Members joining after November 8th, 1909, over Forty and under Forty-five years of age to pay 8d per week, 1s per week for Section B, Sick Fund. Members wishing the services of the Club Doctor to pay 1d per week extra, or 1s per quarter payable in advance, for such services. Also at the end of each quarter—on quarter night—each member shall pay the sum of 6d for quarterage, out of which the Committee shall be paid 2/- for each night on duty, and 1/- for attendance at Committee meetings. Also at the end of each year each member shall have deducted from his dividend the sum of 3d for Gas, use of Room, etc. Subscriptions to be paid at the St. James' Hall, Sewardstone Road, on Monday evenings between 8 and 10 p.m. *No Subscriptions will be accepted if sent by post.* Members in arrears four weeks to be fined 1d per week for two weeks, 2d per week for the next two weeks, and 3d per week for the next two weeks. The fines to continue so long as arrears exist. No subscriptions will be taken without fines that are due. All members to clear the books of all demands at the end of each quarter or be fined the sum of 3d. Any member being four weeks in arrears shall be suspended from benefit, and not be entitled to declare on the funds until fourteen days from the date of clearing the books. Any member failing to pay his fines and sub-

scriptions, and clear the books at the end of ten weeks, to be expelled and his money forfeited to the Society. The Secretary to notify any member who may be nine weeks in arrears, and make a charge to the member of 2d for such notice. In special cases of distress the Committee may relax the rule as to expulsion, providing such member has notified the Secretary in writing, before the expiration of nine weeks.

6. On joining, every member will be supplied with a copy of the Rules and Subscription Card, for which the sum of 2d. will be charged. Should a member require an additional Book of Rules and Subscription Card, he may obtain copies on payment of 3d for each copy.

7. BENEFIT. (*A*) *During Sickness.*—The Sick Benefits shall be the sum of 10/- per week for ten weeks for Section A, and 18/- per week for ten weeks for Section B always provided that there are sufficient funds in hand. If not, the amount in hand shall be equally divided among the sick members. No member shall receive as sick allowance more than £5 for Section A and £9 for Section B, during the financial year. On wishing to declare on the funds, the member shall copy and forward the following notice to the Secretary (before 12 noon).

"I,.....No.....Section....., being a financial member of the St. James' Sick Fund, am afflicted with.....and therefore declare on the funds.

Signed..... Date..... Hour.....

Residing at .....

He shall also send, within 24 hours of the date thereof, a certificate from a duly qualified medical practitioner. He shall also get the Doctor's signature on the Visitor's Sheet every time the Doctor sees him. Sick money must be claimed at 8 p.m. on Monday evenings in the St. James' Hall, Sewardstone Road; but this does not permit sick Members being out during prohibited hours. Whilst receiving Sick Pay, the Member must not be absent from home before 9 a.m., or after 8 p.m., from April 1st to September 30th, and not before 9 a.m., or after 6 p.m., from October 1st to March 31st. Sick members absent from home during prohibited hours shall be fined 1/-.

No member shall be allowed for the day he declares off the Sick Fund if such declaration is dated and posted before 12 noon, and if he declares off after that hour shall not be allowed to do any kind of work that day, but be under the same restrictions as if he had not declared off the Fund.

7. *(B) Burial.* - That a sum of £20 be paid from the Funds to the deceased member's wife. On the death of a member notice will be exhibited in the St. James' Hall, and all members will be levied the sum of 6d for Section A, and for Section B according to number of Members, which must be paid within 28 days of the notice being exhibited, *members not paying the levy within the* 28 *days shall be fined the sum of* 3d. In the event of the death of a member in October or November the levy must be paid on Quarter Night. In case

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Date.	Subs.	Fines.	Dr.	Levies.	Qtge.	Sig.
1909. Nov. 15	✓					
,, 22	✓					
,, 29	✓					
Dec. 6	✓					
,, 13	✓					
,, 20	✓					
,, *27	✓					
1910. Jan. 3	✓					
,, 10	✓		1/6		9	
,, 17	✓					
,, 24	✓					
,, 31	✓					
Feb. 7 Q.N.	4/8		1/6	6	6	
Totals	11/8					

Date.	Subs.	Fines.	Dr.	Levies.	Qtge.
Feb. 14	✓				
,, 21	✓				
,, 28	✓				
Mar. 7	✓			✓	
,, 14	✓			✓	
,, 21	✓				
,, *28	✓				
April 4	1/2			6	
,, 11	✓				
,, 18	2/4				6
,, 25	✓				
May 2	✓				
Q.N. 9	✓				
Totals	3/6				

All Members are requested to read the rules carefully. *Club closed on these Dates

Section A

Date.	Subs.	Fines.	Dr.	Levies.	Qtge.	Sig.
May*16	✓		✓			
„ 23	1/9		1/			9
„ 30	✓					
June 6	1/2			6		R
„ 13	✓					
„ 20	✓					
„ 27	2/4					
July 4	✓					
„ 11	✓					
„ 18	✓					
„ 25	✓					
Aug. *1	✓					
Q.N. 8	2/4		.	6	6	9
Totals	7/7					

Date.	Subs.	Fines.	Dr.	Levies.	Qtge.	Sig.
Aug. 15	✓		✓			
„ 22	1/9		1/-	6		9
„ 29	✓					
Sept. 5	2/4					9
„ 12	✓					
„ 19	✓					
„ 26	✓					
Oct. 3	✓					
„ 10	3/6			6	6	9
„ 17	✓					
„ 24	✓					
„ 31	✓					
Nov. 7 Q.N.	✓		-	6		9
Totals	7/7					

Note.—Q.N. Quarter Night, when books must be cleared of all demands. See Rule 5.

of the decease of a member's wife the sum of £5 for Section A, and £10 for Section B (a levy being made on members of Section B) will be paid to the member provided no member claims more than once during five years for the death of his wife. In the case of Husband and Wife, the marriage certificate, with the certificate of death, must be produced. A form will be kept in which unmarried members may nominate a person to receive the burial money, otherwise it will be paid to the next-of-kin. Should he wish to revoke such nomination he may do so on the payment of 6d. The Committee shall have power to call a levy, should the Fund require it; such levy shall not exceed 1/- in any two weeks.

8. No member or member's wife committing suicide, or suffering from any complaint or disease brought on by his or her own misconduct shall receive any benefits from the funds of the Club.

9. Sick Visitors.—Two Visitors shall be appointed to visit the sick, and sign the form provided for that purpose twice in seven days during illness. The Visitors to visit, if possible, on alternate days. Should the sickness be infectious a doctor's certificate shall be deemed sufficient. All members shall act as sick visitors when called upon. **Any member failing to perform his duty shall be fined 6d. for every omission.** The seven days to commence on the Tuesday, and cease on the following Monday at 8 p.m. Members shall act as sick visitors when called upon, provided

that no member be asked to visit a second case in any one year, until the roll is exhausted.

10. CHANGE OF RESIDENCE.—Any member failing to notify his change of residence to the Secretary within fourteen days to be fined 6d. Members moving more than two miles from the Parish Room, may retain membership, but in the event of such member falling sick he shall pay reasonable expenses for visiting and remittance of sick pay.

11. PAYMENT OF DIVIDENDS.—The Secretary shall prepare and hand to each member an Annual Balance Sheet, with dividend due to him, on a night early in December of each year, the date to be arranged by the Committee.

12. The Financial Year shall consist of 52 weeks, commencing on the second Monday after the close of the preceding year, the last date on the card being the close of such year, when all cards shall be returned to the Secretary. Members being desirous of retaining their membership must take up their new cards within twenty-one days, or otherwise they will be considered new members.

13. Two auditors to be appointed annually, one by the Committee and one by the Trustee, whose duty it shall be to audit the accounts, vouchers, etc., for the year, and report. For these services each Auditor shall receive the sum of 10/6 out of the funds of the Society.

14. FUNDS. — The Secretary shall pay all money received, into the hands of the Trustee by the following Monday for investment.

15. DIVISION OF SURPLUS FUNDS.—The balance in hand in the General Fund, as shown on the Annual Balance Sheet, shall be divided between the members in the ratio of each member's subscriptions; except that a sum of 1/6 shall be retained in hand from all members for the ensuing year, 6d of which shall be placed to Reserve Fund.

16. Any member attempting to defraud the Society, *using bad language or causing a disturbance*, shall be expelled and his money forfeited; such expulsion and forfeiture not to prejudice any criminal proceedings that may be deemed necessary. Such person expelled may appeal to the Committee upon seven days' notice in writing.

17. The Club will be closed each Bank Holiday Monday. Sick Money will be posted to Members on those days.

18. These Rules to be in force till the end of the year. No alteration of Rules shall be valid without the consent of the Vicar of the Parish.

19. DISPUTES. —The decision of the Committee to be final in all cases on any points not embraced in the foregoing Rules.

PERMANENT SECTION.

20. The object of this Section shall be to provide for those joining it the following benefits :—(*a*) That such members shall not be liable to expulsion on account of age, or at the end of any financial year, excepting in case of Rule 16 being infringed, when the Committee reserve the right to expel any members, whose money shall then be forfeited to the Society. (*b*) To provide in case of the death of members under this Section extra payment of the following amounts. After five years a sum equal to £1 ; after ten years, £2 10s. ; after 15 years and over, £5, in addition to the ordinary Death allowance ; always provided that sufficient funds are in hand to meet this claim. The payment on the death of a wife is in no way altered under this section.

21. MEMBERSHIP.—That membership under this Section shall be entirely optional, but new members must declare their intention of joining within one month of their joining the Society. That all members under this Section shall have deducted the sum of 2/- annually from their dividend. The Committee shall have power to refund a sum not exceeding 50 per cent. of the amount paid in, to a member desiring to withdraw from the Club. Notice of all

withdrawals to be given in writing to the Secretary and can only be accepted at the end of the year. Members of the Club not joining this Section continue in the Club year by year only at the discretion of the Committee and are liable to be refused admission at the beginning of any year. All expenses in connection with this Permanent Section shall be met by its own funds. N.B.—The foregoing do not in any way affect the fines, payment by members, deductions, etc., under the ordinary rules, which remain as before.

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It is requested that all communications be addressed to the Secretary, and those requiring a reply should be accompanied by a stamped addressed envelope.

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NOTICE TO MEMBERS.

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This Card must be produced when medical attendance is required.

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Dr. H. G. NICHOLSON can be seen at his address, 97, Approach Road, Victoria Park, N.E.,

Any morning from 10 to 11.30 a.m.

Any Evening from 6 to 9 p.m.

Sick Members requiring Visiting are requested to send the Doctor notice, if possible, before 11.30 a.m.

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